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1. It is reported that, during a visit to Egypt in August, Engineer Gerber of the Emil Buehrle factory, Oerlikon, in Zurich, Switzerland, and a certain al-Schas, Oerlikon representative in Egypt, concluded the sale of 7.92-mm. gauge rifles with ammunition, and other army equipment, for LS 500,000. The first delivery of 4,000 rifles with 1,000 rounds each has already arrived in Egypt.
2. Since Switzerland refuses to licence the delivery of arms to the Near East, Buehrle-Oerlikon ships new arms to Spain, from where Oerlikon representatives ship old arms to Egypt.
3. An Egyptian general stated to an arms merchant that he wanted fifty 75-mm. cannon with 1,000 shells apiece, and 20,000 infantry rifles. He refused the 20-mm. anti-aircraft guns offered by Gerber.
4. Sir Edward Jackson, a British resident of Cairo who is now in Zurich, is negotiating arms purchases for Egypt.

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